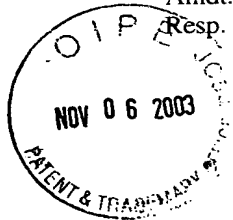


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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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**1. Introductory Remarks**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, having a mailing date of June 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Reply. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and requisite fee are included. In view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.